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Title : Need to conduct fresh survey for doubling and electrification of railway line between Nallapadu (Guntur) and Pagidipalli (Bibinagar) in Guntur Division of South Central Railway.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (GUNTUR): The Guntur Railway division consisting of 95% of single and non-electrified track was formed long time back and no infrastructural developments have been taken up by the Railway authorities so far. Several cement factories and lime industries have come up in this area which are exporting their products to various parts of the Country. As it is the shortest route to Secunderabad, whenever the traffic at Kazipet route is disrupted for any unforeseen reason or natural calamities, this line serves as a parallel line and trains are diverted through this route. Due to these factors, the doubling and electrification of Nallapadu (Guntur)- Pagidipalli (Babinagar) railway line has become quite essential.

Further since Vijayawada-Khazipet-Secunderabad route is already saturated, to ease congestion on this section, some trains can be diverted via Gunture-Nadikudi-Babi Nagar route-which is 80 KMs shorter and saves one and half hour journey time and can reach Secunderabad in three hours time from Guntur, once this section is doubled and electrified.

Doubling and electrification of Nallapadu (Guntur)- Pagidipalli (Bibinagar) railway line will *inter-alia:*

(i) Reduce journey time between Guntur and Secunderabad to three hours from existing journey time of 5 hours.;

(ii) Facilitate introduction of more trains;

(iii) Boost goods traffic which is a veritable Kamadhenu to Railways

Considering the aforesaid factors, it is requested that a fresh survey may be conducted for doubling and electrification of Nallapadu (Guntur) and Pagidipalli (Bibinagar) railway line and the work may be included in the ensuing Railway budget.